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Docket No.: 64965-047

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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Shashank MERCHANT, et al.

Serial No.: 09/316,072

Group Art Unit: 2664

Filed: May 21, 1999

Examiner: W.A. Luther

For:

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR STORING AND PROCESSING HEADER

INFORMATION IN A NETWORK SWITCH

## **AMENDMENT**



Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The following remarks and amendments are being submitted in response to the non-Final Office Action dated October 1, 2002

### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 8, 11, 14 and 16 as indicated below. Please cancel claims 2, 9, 10 and 15 without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter.

1. (Amended) A multiport switch configured for controlling communication of data frames between stations, comprising:

a plurality of receive devices corresponding to ports on the multiport switch, each of the receive devices configured to receive data frames and transmit the data frames on an internal bus to an external memory interface;

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Attention: Examiner Chi H. Pham

Responding to your telephone request, attached is a **COPY** of the Amendment as timely filed in the USPTO on December 31, 2002, together with the stamped postcard receipt, which was submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 1, 2002.

Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Thank you.

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. 凶

Respectfully submitted,

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